

REMARKS

Applicant will sequentially address the issues raised by the Examiner.

I. Objections to the Claims

Claims 298, 312, 327, and 342 were objected to as being of improper dependent claims in view of claims 292, 306, 321, and 335, respectively. Claims 292, 306, 321, and 335 have been canceled; therefore, these objections are now moot.

II. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections over LEE in view of KONNO

Claims 289, 291-292, 294-297, 302-303, 305-306, 308-311, 316, 318, 320-321, 323-326, 331-332, 334-335, 337-340, and 345 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee, U.S. Patent No. 5,121,983 (“LEE”) in view of Konno, U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015 (“KONNO”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Element [a] of independent claims 289, 303, 318, and 332 has been amended to recite multiple primary beams of electromagnetic energy (or light) from multiple sources. Neither LEE nor KONNO discloses multiple sources for providing multiple primary beams as recited in these claims. Therefore, all pending claims should now be in condition for allowance.

III. The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejections over KUREMATSU in view of KONNO

Claims 289-290, 294-298, 300-304, 308-312, 314-316, 318-319, 323-327, 329-333, 337-341, and 343-345 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurematsu et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,267,029 (“KUREMATSU”) in view of Konno, U.S. Patent No. 4,497,015 (“KONNO”). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Element [a] of independent claims 289, 303, 318, and 332 has been amended to recite multiple primary beams of electromagnetic energy (light) from multiple

sources. Neither KUREMATSU nor KONNO discloses multiple sources for providing multiple primary beams as recited in these claims. Therefore, all pending claims should now be in condition for allowance.

IV. Typographical Errors

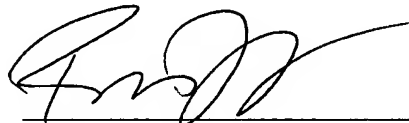
Claims 298, 327 and 342 have been amended to correct typographical errors.

V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would help advance the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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